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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
SHIGENOBU MAEDA ET AL. : GROUP ART UNIT: 2811  
SERIAL NO: 09/176,315 :  
FILED: OCTOBER 22, 1998 : EXAMINER: CRANE, S.  
FOR: METHOD OF DESIGNING SEMI-  
CONDUCTOR DEVICE, SEMI-  
CONDUCTOR DEVICE AND  
RECORDING MEDIUM

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Responsive to the Official Action mailed December 20, 2000, please note the following remarks traversing the rejection of Claims 1-5 and 18:

REMARKS

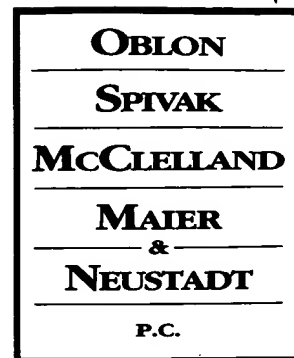
Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 17 and 20 have been withdrawn from consideration.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 1-5 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Iwamatsu et al (the 1995 article entitled "*High-Speed 0.5 $\mu$ m SOI 1/8 Frequency Divider with Body-Fixed Structure for Wide Range of Applications*," hereinafter Iwamatsu) in view of Agari (JA 6-224302) and Chen et al (U.S.



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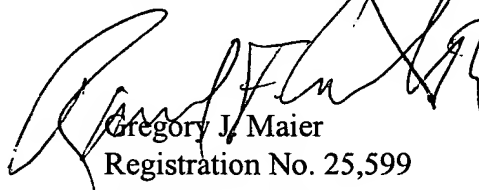
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Our check in the amount of \$ - 0 - is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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